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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Frank Portugal

Appl. No.: 09/027,089

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For: Method for Identifying Species of  
*Shigella* and *E. coli* Using Operon  
Sequence Analysis

Art Unit: 1655

Examiner: J. Souaya

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action (Paper No. 12), applicant submits the following remarks, which place the application in condition for allowance. A Notice of Appeal was filed January 16, 20001.

In addition, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 9-18.

Insert new claims 19-25, as follows.

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